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1. THIRD (PROGRAM AND COORDINATION) COMMITTEE CONSIDERED
ITEM 28, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY
THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, JULY 6-10.

2. AMB. SALIM OF TANZANIA, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF 24
OPENED DISCUSSION WITH RELATIVELY LOW-KEY STATEMENT CALLING
FOR INCREASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM UN BODIES FOR
LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.
HE CITED PARTICULARLY THE EMERGENCY AID PROVIDED THROUGH
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES. PRESSURE OF ARMED
STRUGGLE WAS COMPLEMENTED BY EFFORTS TO ATTAIN NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENTS IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND THIS TWO-PRONGED
APPROACH WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE ONE. LIBERATION STRUGGLES
IN ADDITION NEEDED SUPPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
AND HERE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO
PLAY IN ESCALATING AND/OR INITIATING THE DECOLONIZATION
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3. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, CUBA, UGANDA AND TANZANIA REPS
SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS ALREADY UNDERWAY, PARTICULAR-
LY UNDER AUSPICES OF UNDP, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
UNESCO, FAO AND UNIDO. HOWEVER, THE WORLD BANK AND IMF
CAME UNDER ATTACK FROM THESE DELS FOR THEIR RELATIONSHIPS

TO SOUTH AFRICA AND PARTICULARLY, IMF, FOR ISSUING SPECIAL DRAWING RIGHTS (SDRS) TO SOUTH AFRICA.

4. REP FROM UNESCO REPORTED THAT AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNDP BUT IN ADDITION \$250,000 OF UNESCO MONEY HAD BEEN SPENT ON PROGRAMS RELATING TO DECOLONIZATION. ILO REP CITED PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. RECENT CODES OF CONDUCT FOR BUSINESS WERE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS. ADMISSION OF NAMIBIA TO ILO WAS RELEVANT DEVELOPMENT ALSO. UNDP CITED RECENT GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISION RE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. UNICEF ALSO SPOKE, REPORTING PARTICULARLY ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

5. REPS OF USSR, UKRAINE SSR, AND POLAND APPLAUDED DIRECT ASSISTANCE UNDERTAKEN BY SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THEY CRITICIZED NATO COUNTRIES FOR COLLABORATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND FOR CONTINUING COLONIALIST DOMINATION OF AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES. THEY ALSO CRITICIZED WORLD BANK AND IMF, LATTER FOR ISSUANCE OF SDRS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

6. IMF REPRESENTATIVE RESPONDED TO UNIVERSAL CRITICISM OF IMF POLICY BY CITING THE ORGANIZATION'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS. FUND'S EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSIDERED 32ND GA RESOLUTION ON POLICIES. IMF HAD CHANGED ITS POLICIES AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUCH AS IT COULD WITHIN ITS CONSTRAINTS IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED. WORLD BANK RESPONDED THAT ITS LAST LOAN TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS EXTENDED IN 1966 AND IS NOW FULLY REPAID. THE BANK HAS NO RELATIONS WITH RHODESIA.

7. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AND RESERVATIONS BY US AND OTHERS REPORTED SEPTEL. VANDEL HEUVEL

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